

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

PATRICIA SIMMONDS, et al.	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	Civil Action No.: 1:20-cv-250
CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	
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TIENDA PHILLIPS, et al.	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-274
CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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NATHAN DAVENPORT, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-276

MELANIE DYER, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-277

NATHAN DAVENPORT, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-278

JEREMY SILVERS, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-280

REGINA MANEY, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-281

DESIREE REILY, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-282

MARTHA KILLIAN, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-283

AMANDA TIMPSON, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-284

SARAH CRAPSE, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-285

HANNAH ALLEN, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-286

TESSA DORSEY, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-287

LIBBY HELMS, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-288

SHALEES GREENLEE, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-289

SAMANTHA TORRES, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-290

KELLY WALKER, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-292

SHEENA DOCKERY, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-293

JESSICA FARQUHAR, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-294

CAINE BURNETTE, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-295

STEPHEN DOWNEY, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-296

CHEYENNE SPICOLA, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, et al,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-297

### **STATUS REPORT**

COME NOW the parties in the above captioned actions, and make the following report pursuant to the Court's Order directing updates every 45 days:

1. The parties have scheduled mediation for April 25 and 26 of 2022.
2. The Plaintiffs have received a response from the North Carolina State Bar, regarding the ethical implications of several mechanisms to facilitate settlement.

3. Based on this response, Plaintiffs retained outside counsel to facilitate drafting of global settlement documents required for an informed resolution process.
  4. Plaintiffs have obtained consent from the clients to engage in a global settlement negotiation.
  5. Plaintiffs' counsel has had multiple meetings with Judge Cromer to discuss a settlement process framework.
  6. Judge Cromer has had discussions with counsel from both sides regarding process/procedural issues.
  7. Plaintiffs continue to evaluate the possibility of a global settlement figure, whereby the Defendants will pay a single sum of money that would then be apportioned among the several Plaintiffs by a neutral referee, appointed by and approved by the Court. The parties have identified a likely candidate to serve as the special master or neutral referee to determine funds allocations. Plaintiffs are exploring the ability of the Defendants to pay a settlement that would adequately compensate all the affected parties.
  8. Defendants continue to work with all sources of settlement funds to ensure that a mediation conference takes place in good faith.
  9. A memorandum from Anderson Cromer, the mediator, is attached to this status report regarding the scope and plan for the settlement conference.
- Jointly and respectfully submitted, this 11th day of April, 2022.

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